



PROUD PENNANT—Senior Crew Chief Leland Larsen of Air Explorer squadron 377 proudly displays squadron flag presented by Vice-President Jack Phillips of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the Air Explorer unit. Phillips presented the flag during Squadron court of honor ceremonies held in mid January at the Torrance Airport manager's office. Squadron Advisor F. G. Sedgwick in background.

Torrance Joins Select Ranks of California's 'Million Dollar' Cities

Torrance became one of a select group of California cities this week when it was included among the "million dollar" communities by the postal department.

The city joined Downey, Hayward and Redwood City in the special classification for the year. Each of the four was listed for the first time in 1960 as gathering more than \$1,000,000 in postal receipts.

The year also was noted because the unit composed of California, Nevada and Hawaii broke the \$300,000,000 barrier for the first time.

Regional postal authorities reported "the comparison of 1960 and 1959 figures provides a significant illustration of the extent of the tremendous economic development and population growth in the three states of the region during the past decade.

124 Per Cent Gain

"For example, the \$308,000,000 in postal receipts for 1960 is a gain of 124.2 per

cent over the \$137,402,000 in 1950.

Some of the 1960 million-dollar offices had receipts of less than \$200,000 in 1950 and showed gains of more than 500 per cent each. Examples are: Torrance with 530.2 per cent; Anaheim, 726.5 per cent; Downey, 572.2 per cent; and Fullerton, 641.3 per cent.

Los Angeles and San Francisco continued to head the list as the first and second largest post offices in the region. Los Angeles post office, which now ranks third in the nation, doubled its receipts between 1950 and 1960 for a gain of \$37,000,000, the largest dollar gain of any office in the region.

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SERVICE AWARDS—H. P. Dotson (left) assistant general superintendent of US Steel's Torrance Works, 23701 Western Ave., Torrance, presents 35-year service awards to Thomas B. Greer, Redondo, and George R. Collison, 1103 Sierra Place, Torrance.

US Steel Honors 35 Year Men

Five men—three from Torrance and one each from Redondo Beach and Inglewood—were congratulated recently by fellow employees of U.S. Steel's Torrance Works upon achieving 35 years continuous service.

They are Gonzalo Pichardo, 719 Border Ave.; George R. Collison, 1103 Sierra Place and Hans Nelson, 1104 Portola, Torrance; and Thomas B. Greer, 100 South Benita Street, Redondo Beach, and George C. Wilson, 8717 12th Ave., Inglewood.

All five received 35-year pins at a service awards luncheon presided over by E. C. Kinyon, Torrance Works general superintendent.

Twelve employees receiving 25-year service awards in-

clude: Albert H. Peck, 1103 Portola; Jay T. Bailey, 1016 Beach Ave.; Amon E. Starnes, 1744 Hickory Ave.; Wilford E. Walton, 1415 Acacia Ave.; and Jackson S. Moore, 824 Beech Ave., Torrance.

Salvador R. Hernandez, 16123 Halldale Ave., and Jess A. Guillen, 751 West 168th St., Gardena; Evaristo Navarro, 25036 Woodward Ave., Lomita; Earl J. Lang, 1132 First St., Hermosa Beach; Angel P. Arce, 1712 Gates Ave., Manhattan Beach; Kenneth B. Corning, 2602 Armour Lane, Redondo Beach, and Ramon H. Banuelos, 1114 Steinhart Lane, North Redondo Beach.

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